



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**NORTH DAKOTA FARM BUREAU WEEK**  
MARCH 12-18, 2006

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is one of North Dakota's leading industries and has been the foundation of our economy for generations; and

**WHEREAS**, farm families have a strong tradition that is at the core of our rural communities, churches and organizations, and play an important role in the growth and diversification of North Dakota's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 1942, the North Dakota Farm Bureau is one of the largest agriculture organizations in North Dakota with 27,000 members who contribute greatly to the state's economy and the nation's food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, Farm Bureau members are participating in the development of value-added opportunities and new uses for commodities, creating new products and markets for North Dakota farmers and ranchers in the global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Farm Bureau continues to play an important role in strengthening and representing the agriculture industry in North Dakota.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 12-18, 2006, **NORTH DAKOTA FARM BUREAU WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State